Voter Guide

LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA 2022



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2022 is a redistricting year! Details on page 22.

VOTER'S BILL OF RIGHTS

Each registered voter in this state has the right to:

- I. Vote and have his or her vote accurately counted.
- 2. Cast a vote if he or she is in line at the official closing of the polls in that county.
- 3. Ask for and receive assistance in voting.
- 4. Receive up to two replacement ballots if he or she makes a mistake prior to the ballot being cast.
- 5. An explanation if his or her registration or identity is in question.
- 6. If his or her registration or identity is in question, cast a provisional ballot.
- 7. Written instructions to use when voting, and, upon request, oral instructions in voting from elections officers.
- 8. Vote free from coercion or intimidation by elections officers or any other person.
- 9. Vote on a voting system that is in working condition and that will allow votes to be accurately cast.

You may have other voting rights under state and federal laws. If you believe your voting rights have been violated, please contact the Florida Department of State's Voter Fraud Hotline at (877) 868-3737.

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A Message from Mark S. Earley, Supervisor of Elections



Voting is the most important expression of our collective wisdom.

As your Supervisor of Elections, my job is to provide outstanding voter services and secure elections you can trust.

To this end, I pledge this office will:

- · Always function in a wholly nonpartisan manner.
- Always use paper ballots as the method to capture your vote.
- Continually improve the security of elections.
- Provide materials such as this Voter Guide to help educate citizens about how, when, and where to vote.
- Provide full access to voting regardless of a voter's physical ability or language barriers. And,
- Lead the state in verifying that our results are true and accurate by conducting full, transparent, and timely audits of every ballot in every election.

Just as we are hard at work for you and our democracy, I ask you to do your part by taking an active role.

Be smart. Educate yourself about the candidates and issues. Don't necessarily believe the worst or most divisive reports you hear from any source – these stories are often gross exaggerations designed to sell advertisements or divide us as a nation. Consider working at the polls on election day, even running for office or advocating for a cause.

Most importantly — **VOTE in 2022**.

Mark S. Earley

Leon County Supervisor of Elections



We are committed to accuracy and transparency.

That is why we conduct a 100% audit of every election. We double-check every vote to ensure that the election results are accurate. Our systems are certified by the Florida Department of State and we test them before and after each election. And critically, all voting in Florida is done using a paper ballot.

There are layers of security and procedures that maintain the integrity of our elections. We conduct maintenance on the voter registration list every year to ensure that only eligible voters are registered. And before someone can be added to the voter rolls, we verify their identity.

Voting-by-Mail has similar safeguards. We only mail out ballots when a voter has requested one. When we receive the ballot back, we do not remove it from the envelope until after we have confirmed that it was returned by the voter through signature verification.

All this activity takes place in a public environment. Poll watchers can observe in-person voting. We only open and count Vote-by-Mail ballots during public meetings. Nearly every record related to the election is a public record open to inspection or copying.

Our elections are secure, and the results can be trusted. Learn more at **LeonVotes.gov/Trust**.



OUR MISSION

To provide outstanding voter services and accessible elections in Leon County with integrity, transparency, and accuracy.

CONTACT US!

MARK S. EARLEY, LEON COUNTY SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS

Hours Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

In Person Leon County Elections Center

2990-1 Apalachee Parkway

Tallahassee, Florida

Call (850) 606-8683

Fax (850) 606-8601

Online LeonVotes.gov

Email Vote@LeonVotes.gov

Mail P.O. Box 7357

Tallahassee, FL 32314-7357













All offices listed, if contested, will be on a 2022 ballot in Leon County. What appears on your ballot depends on your voter registration. See page 12 for more info.

Federal

U.S. Senate (one of two seats)U.S. House of Representatives (All districts)

Statewide

Governor and
Lieutenant Governor
Attorney General
Chief Financial Officer
Commissioner of Agriculture

Florida Legislature

Florida Senate (All districts)
Florida House of Representatives
(All districts)

Judicial

Justice of the Supreme Court of Florida (*Terms expiring in 2022*) Judge, 1st District Court of Appeal (*Terms expiring in 2022*) Judge, 2nd Judicial Circuit (*Groups 1, 10, 11, 14, and 15*) County Judge (*Seats 1 and 2*)

Leon County

Board of County Commissioners (Districts 1, 3, 5, At-Large Group 2) School Board (Districts 1, 3, and 5)

City of Tallahassee

City Commission (Seats 3, 4/Mayor, and 5)

Special Districts

Leon Soil & Water Conservation
District (All seats)
Capital Region Community
Development District
(Seats 1, 3, and 5)
Piney-Z Community
Development District
(Seats 1, 3, and 5)



Election Day

Primary Election: August 23

General Election: November 8

Voter Registration Deadline (Book Closing)

Primary Election: July 25 (includes party change deadline)

General Election: October 11

Vote-by-Mail in the Primary Election

- Initial mail-out to military and overseas voters: No later than July 9
- Initial mail-out to domestic voters: Between July 14 21
- Deadline to request to be mailed your ballot: 5 p.m., August 13
- Deadline for us to receive your ballot: 7 p.m., August 23

Vote-by-Mail in the General Election

- Initial mail-out to military and overseas voters: No later than September 24
- Initial mail-out to domestic voters: Between September 29 October 6
- Deadline to request to be mailed your ballot: 5 p.m., October 29
- Deadline for us to receive your ballot: 7 p.m., November 8
- A special 10-day extension exists for overseas voters to return their ballots in the general election.

Early Voting

• Primary Election: August 13 – 21

· General Election: October 24 - November 6

Drop Boxes

- Vote-by-Mail ballot drop boxes will be at each Early Voting site during the days and hours of Early Voting.
- A drop box will also be at the Elections Center during regular business hours starting when Vote-by-Mail ballots are available and through Election Day.



Requirements

To register to vote in Leon County, you must be:

- A U.S. citizen
- A Florida resident and live in Leon County
- At least 18 years old (you can pre-register when you are at least 16 years old)

You lose your right to vote if you are:

- Adjudicated mentally incapacitated with respect to voting. Right to vote must be restored by court.
- Convicted of a felony. See next page about restoration of voting rights.

How to Register

Online Voter Registration (OVR)

 Register online by visiting RegistertoVoteFlorida.gov, Florida's online voter registration system.



- OVR requires a Florida driver's license or ID card, and last four digits of Social Security number.
- If no ID info, can use OVR to fill-out paper application for print/mail

Register By Mail

- Complete a paper application and mail it to our office.
- You can print the application at LeonVotes.gov.
- Call us and we will mail you an application.

Register In Person

 Register in person at the Elections Center, DMV/Tax Collector, voter registration agency, public library, or at a community outreach event.

Voter Registration Deadline

You can register to vote at any time. However, to vote in an election you must be registered 29 days before that election.



If you are convicted of a felony, you lose the right to vote in Florida. However, that right can be restored.

Automatic Restoration

Voting rights are automatically restored to most felons once they have completed all terms of their sentence. This includes parole, probation, and payment of fines and fees. Automatic restoration does not apply to felons convicted of murder or sexual offenses.

Questions about the status of your sentencing terms? Contact the Clerk of the Circuit Court.

- Web: cvweb.leonclerk.com/public/index.html
- Phone: (850) 606-4000

Questions about how fines, fees, costs, and restitution affect the restoration of your voting rights?

Contact the Division of Elections.

- Online: dos.myflorida.com/elections
- Phone: (850) 245-6290
- Email: DivElections@dos.myflorida.com

Restoration by Executive Clemency

Clemency allows felons to ask for relief from punishment and seek restoration of civil rights, including the right to vote. The power to grant clemency is vested in the Governor and Cabinet.

Questions about clemency?

Contact the Florida Commission on Offender Review.

Web: fcor.state.fl.us

• Phone: (850) 922-0000



Pre-Register to Vote

If you are 16 or 17 years old, you can pre-register to vote. Complete and submit your voter registration application to get started. When you turn 18, we will mail your voter information card to you.

Homeless Residing in Leon County

If you live in Leon County, but you do not have a traditional home or address, you can still register to vote. Please contact us directly so that we can assist you.

U.S. Military / U.S. Citizens Overseas

If you are U. S. military or a U. S. citizen residing overseas, you have special voter registration and voting options. Visit **LeonVotes.gov** to learn more.

College Students Residing in Leon County

Register in Leon County

If you live in Leon County for school, you can register to vote here even if you use your home address for other documents. If you live off-campus in Leon County, you can use that address as your residence address.

If you live on campus, you may use either the street address or the name of your dormitory or residence hall as the address where you live. You can also use your campus mail center address as your residence if you live on campus. You can use your campus mailbox or another address as your mailing address.

If you are registered to vote in Leon County, you can then vote in-person here in Leon County or request a Vote-by-Mail ballot from our office.

Register in Home County

You can register or keep your voter registration in your home county / state. You will need to request a Vote-by-Mail ballot from your home election office, or travel back home to vote in person.

You should keep your registration information up to date. Check your current voter information anytime at **LeonVotes.gov**! Click Your Voter Info.



Address Change

Where you live determines your Election Day polling place and which races appear on your ballot. We send important election mail to your address. If you move and do not update your address, your registration may become inactive and eventually removed from the voter rolls.

Update your address anytime by completing a voter registration application or through **RegistertoVoteFlorida.gov**.

Political Party Change

Your party affects which candidates you can vote for in a Primary Election. Update your party by completing a paper voter registration application or by visiting **RegistertoVoteFlorida.gov**. Party changes must be made at least 29 days before a primary election.

Name Change

Update your record by completing a paper voter registration application or through **RegistertoVoteFlorida.gov**.

Signature Update

We use your signature to verify petitions, Vote-by-Mail ballot certificates, and other documents. A signature mismatch could cause your Vote-by-

Mail ballot to be rejected.

If your signature has changed over time, update the record with our office. Update your signature by completing a paper voter registration application and sending it to our office.

Has your signature changed since you first registered to vote?

John Hancock

If so, you need to update your signature with our office or we may not be able to accept your ballot.

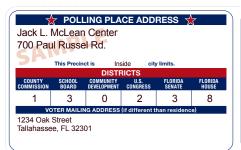


After you register to vote, we will mail you a voter information card. We will also mail you a card after you update your record.

The card lists your party affiliation, where you vote on Election Day, and other information.

Review the card to make sure your information is correct.

Your voter information card cannot be used as ID at the polls.





County
Commission
District #

13<u>21</u>

Numbers less than 50 are INSIDE city limits
Numbers greater than 50 are OUTSIDE city limits

School Board District #



Florida is a "closed primary" election state. The races and candidates that appear on your primary election ballot depend on your party affiliation.

You may only vote in a partisan race in a primary election if you are a registered member of that political party. Frequently however, there are non-partisan races on the primary ballot. You can vote in these races regardless of your party affiliation.

In addition, if all candidates for an office have the same party affiliation, and the winner of the primary will be elected to office, then you can vote in that race regardless of party affiliation. This is known as a "universal primary."

If you do not select a political party, you will be registered with "No Party Affiliation."

General Election

In a general election, you can vote for any candidates on your ballot, regardless of party affiliation.



Three Ways to Vote



Vote-by-Mail

Request a Vote-by-Mail ballot and vote from the comfort of your home. Return the ballot by mail or drop box.



Vote Early

Cast your ballot at any of our convenient Early Voting sites in Leon County before Election Day.



Vote on Election Day

It's your last chance to vote!

On Election Day you must vote at your assigned polling place.



You need to bring ID to vote a regular ballot at an Early Voting site or your Election Day polling place. You can use any combination of the following IDs that show picture and signature:

- Florida Driver's License or Florida Identification Card issued by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles
- US Passport
- Debit or Credit Card
- Military ID
- Student ID
- Retirement Center ID
- Neighborhood Association ID
- Public Assistance ID
- Veteran Health ID issued by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs
- Concealed Weapon/Firearm License issued pursuant to 790.06, F.S.







• Employee ID issued by any branch, department, agency, or entity of the Federal Government, the State, a county or a municipality

Your Voter Information Card <u>does not count</u> as ID to vote. If you forget to bring ID with you, you can vote using a provisional ballot. The provisional ballot will count if you are eligible to vote and in the proper precinct.



All voters in Florida can Vote-by-Mail in each election.

How to Request your Vote-by-Mail Ballot

Online LeonVotes.gov (click Your Voter Info)

In-Person Leon County Elections Center

2990-1 Apalachee Parkway, Tallahassee, Florida Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Your Voter Info

Call (850) 606-8683

Mail Send Vote-by-Mail Ballot request form (available at **LeonVotes.gov**) to

P.O. Box 7357, Tallahassee, FL 32314-7357

When requesting your Vote-by-Mail ballot, you must provide your Florida driver's license / ID card number or the last four digits of your Social Security number.

Returning Your Ballot

Follow these steps to ensure your Vote-by-Mail ballot is counted.

- Make sure we have your up-to-date signature on file.
- Follow the instructions included with your mail ballot.
- Sign the Voter's Certificate on the envelope with a good signature.
- If returning by mail, use proper postage One U.S. forever stamp.
 Mail at least five business days before Election Day. Or, you can return your ballot by drop box.
- We must receive your ballot by 7 p.m. on Election Day.

Check the status of your mail ballot any time at **LeonVotes.gov**! Click *Your Voter Info*.

Military and Overseas

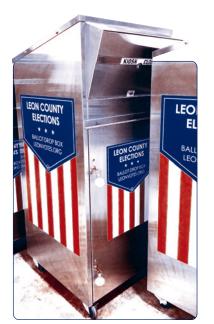
Military and overseas voters, also known as "UOCAVA voters," have special Vote-by-Mail options. Contact us for more information.



You can return your Vote-by-Mail ballot using one of our drop boxes (known in statute as secure ballot intake stations). Every day we empty the drop boxes and securely transfer the ballots directly to the Elections Center. Each drop box is staffed by election workers to make sure that your ballot is safe.

- No stamp needed if returning your ballot by drop box!
- Ballot must be sealed in the green return envelope.
- Make sure to sign the envelope.

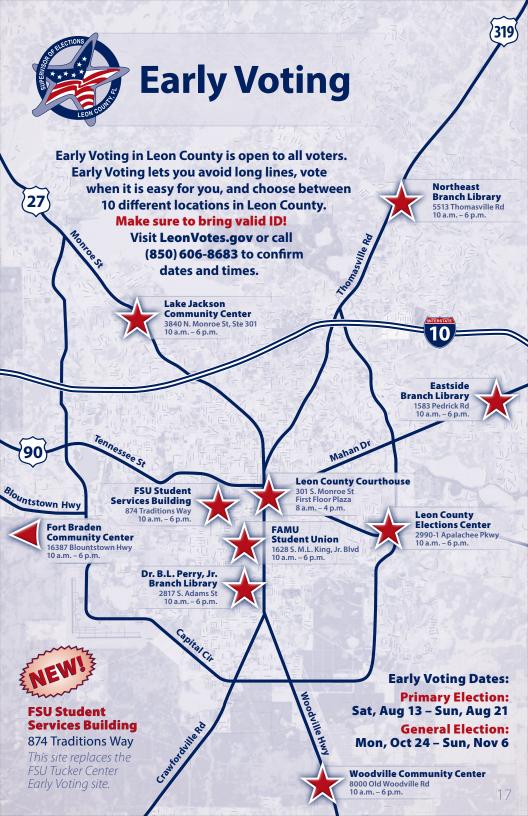
You cannot drop-off your Vote-by-Mail ballot at Election Day polling places. However, the election workers at your



polling place can cancel your Vote-by-Mail ballot. You can then vote in-person.

Drop Box Locations and Hours

- Outside each Early Voting site during the hours and days of Early Voting.
- At the Elections Center during regular office hours, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., with extended hours on Election Day.





Election Day is your last chance to vote! Remember to bring valid ID!

The polls are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. If you are waiting in line at 7 p.m., you are allowed to vote.

The busiest voting times happen right at the opening and closing of the polls. To avoid lines, we suggest you vote between 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Where Do I Vote on Election Day?

On Election Day, you must cast a ballot at your assigned polling place.

Your polling place is listed on your voter information card. You can also use the Voter Info lookup on **LeonVotes.gov** or call us at **(850)** 606-8683.





What to Expect When you Vote in Person

Voting in person should be a quick and easy experience. This is what you can expect when you vote in person:

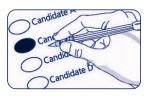
- Present valid ID with a photo and signature.
 The election worker will verify your information.
- 2. Sign the electronic poll book.
- **3.** The election worker will give you your paper ballot and a privacy folder.
- 4. Walk to an open privacy booth.
- **5.** Complete your ballot using the marker provided in the privacy booth.
- Review your ballot. If you wish to change anything, ask an election worker for a new ballot.
- **7.** Place your ballot into the voting machine, wait for the machine to accept your ballot, and return the privacy folder to the election worker.
- 8. Collect your "I Voted" sticker as you exit the voting area.

If you need help with anything, you can ask an election worker for assistance.

Voting Machines

All voting in Florida is done using paper ballots. We only use machines that are certified for use in Florida. All voting equipment is thoroughly tested before each election to make sure it is properly counting votes. After Election Day, we audit the results to double check that everything is correct.











We are committed to aiding voters with disabilities and ensuring that everyone can exercise their right to vote. If you need assistance when voting, ask the clerk at the voting site and we will be happy to help you.

Assistance at the Polls

You can receive help at the polls during Early Voting or on Election Day. Your helper can assist you mark and vote your ballot. You can also request help from two election workers.

Voting Equipment

All Early Voting sites and Election Day polling places are accessible and supplied with equipment that helps voters with disabilities cast their ballots. You can use it to mark your ballot in secret with little or no help from other people. For voters with blindness or low vision, the system has an audio feature that will read the ballot.

Voting-by-Mail

With a Vote-by-Mail ballot, you can vote from the comfort of your home. You can have someone help you mark your Vote-by-Mail ballot, but you must sign the certificate on the envelope.

Language Assistance

Ballots and other documents are available in both English and Spanish, including Vote-by-Mail ballots.

We use a translation hotline that can translate hundreds of languages into English. Using this service, we can provide you with assistance in your native language. This service is available over the phone, at each Early Voting site, and each Election Day polling place.

If we are unable to confirm that you are eligible to vote, you will not be turned away. Instead, election workers will give you the option to complete a provisional ballot. This is a back-up voting option that protects your right to vote while also preventing fraud.

Provisional Ballot Files NOTE bearing to the control provided of the result of the re

Reasons for Voting a Provisional Ballot

- Your voter record cannot be located.
- · You did not bring proper ID.
- Your eligibility to vote cannot be verified at the voting site.
- Your eligibility to vote has been challenged.
- You may be at the wrong Election Day polling place.
- You may have already voted in the election.
- · Other situations regarding voter eligibility.

An election worker will help you if you need to vote using a provisional ballot.

Counting Provisional Ballots

After Election Day, election staff will research your voter information. You can provide us with additional evidence to support your eligibility to vote. Election Staff will give the research and evidence to the Canvassing Board, who will decide whether to accept or reject your ballot.

If you completed a provisional ballot because you forgot to bring ID to the polls, you do not need to provide additional evidence.

You can check on the status of your provisional ballot at **LeonVotes.gov** or by calling **(850) 606-8683**.



What Is Redistricting?

Many officials are elected from political divisions called districts, including the Florida House and Senate, the U.S. House of Representatives, and the Leon County Commission and School Board. (*The Tallahassee City Commission does not have districts.*) Redistricting is the process for updating these districts to balance population after each census.

Why Are Districts Changing?

Every ten years, the United States census counts each person in the country. The Census Bureau uses this information to assign seats in the U.S. House of Representatives. Since Florida's population increased, we gained a seat that must be added to Florida's map of congressional districts.

Elected officials must also make sure that population is evenly distributed across districts. Since populations change over time, district lines are redrawn so that each district has the same number of people. This ensures that every voter has the same amount of power when casting their ballot.

How Does Redistricting Affect Me?

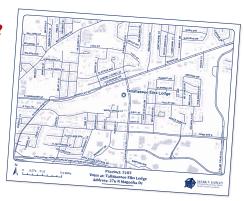
Once the new districts are drawn, we must draw new precinct lines to align with the new districts. Once this is complete, you may belong to different set of districts and a new voting precinct. When you vote, you will see candidates for your new district assignments.

Some polling places will change as well. Starting with the 2022 Primary Election, you may have a new Election Day polling place.

How Will I Learn About my New Districts and Polling Place?

Once redistricting is complete, we will mail new voter information cards. The card lists your districts, precinct, and Election Day polling place. We will mail these cards out in the summer of 2022.

You can check your current districts, precinct, and Election Day polling place by visiting **LeonVotes.gov**.











We are committed to engaging with our local community by providing opportunities to register and learn about voting. You may see our staff at events throughout Leon County.

If you are hosting an event, we may be available to attend and provide voter registration and education services. Contact us at (850) 606-8683 to learn more.

Request a Speaker – The Supervisor of Elections or staff are available to speak at class, club, organization, or groups throughout Leon County.

Voter Registration Table – We can set up a voter registration table at non-partisan events and assist voters with registering to vote.

Use Voting Equipment – Organizations can request use of the official voting equipment to conduct their elections.

Voter Registration Training Workshops – We provide training to individuals and organizations that are interested in sponsoring voter registration drives.

Voter Education Programs at Schools and Universities – Each year we offer a voter registration and education program in each public high school in Leon County to reach and educate high school students who are eligible to register or pre-register to vote.

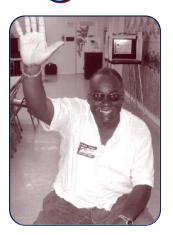
Each year we conduct a voter registration/education program on each college campus in Leon County. This includes setting up a voter registration table as well as attending campus events or forums.



Voting is the foundation of our democracy. Our elections rely on having dedicated election workers (also known as poll workers) to serve every voter and ensure that ballots are counted accurately.

Each election cycle, we must recruit hundreds of election workers. We are ready to teach you everything you need to know to do the job. It is one of the most rewarding ways to help your community.

Top 5 Reasons to Become an Election Worker



- 5 You will work side by side with your neighbors and meet new people.
- 4 You will play a vital role in the democratic process.
- **3** Your community needs you.
- You will learn how elections work.
- You get paid to do it!

Requirements

To serve as an election worker, you must be a registered or pre-registered voter in Leon County. You must also be able to speak, read, and write in English. You cannot be a candidate on the ballot.

How Do I Apply?

Visit **LeonVotes.gov** to complete an application. Call **(850)** 606-8683 to learn more.

VOTER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

Each registered voter in this state should:

- I. Familiarize himself or herself with the candidates and issues.
- 2. Maintain with the office of the Supervisor of Elections a current address.
- 3. Know the location of his or her polling place and its hours of operation.
- 4. Bring proper identification to the polling station.
- 5. Familiarize himself or herself with the operation of the voting equipment in his or her precinct.
- 6. Treat precinct workers with courtesy.
- 7. Respect the privacy of other voters.
- 8. Report any problems or violations of election laws to the Supervisor of Elections.
- 9. Ask questions, if needed.
- 10. Make sure that his or her completed ballot is correct before leaving the polling station.

NOTE TO VOTER: Failure to perform any of these responsibilities does not prohibit a voter from voting.



2022 Election Dates

Primary							
July 2022							
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
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August 2022							
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General							
October 2022							
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20	24						

November 2022							
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20	21	22	23	24	25	26	
27	28	29	30				

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■ = Registration & Political Party Change Deadline

Election

■ = Early Voting Dates

■ = Election Day

Information in this guide is subject to change by legislative action.

Updates will be posted on our website LeonVotes.gov,
Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram @LeonVotes.